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Docket No.: 42390P7777

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

DAVID PUTZOLU, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/470,163

Filed: December 22, 1999

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ALLOWING  
PROPRIETARY FORWARDING ELEMENTS TO  
INTEROPERATE WITH STANDARD CONTROL  
ELEMENTS IN AN OPEN ARCHITECTURE FOR  
NETWORK DEVICES**

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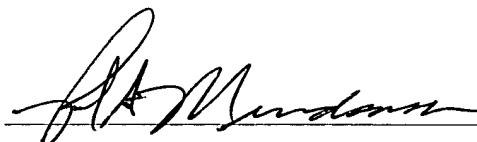
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